

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

**Wanted!**  
If there is a boy around here who would rather work than loaf and wants to learn a trade—make a man of himself and become an honored and useful citizen of community and eventually a millionaire, let him apply at the Democrat office. We want one.

Plenty of bad colds.  
Public sales are plenty.  
The cold wave has passed.  
Corn 40 cents per bushel.  
Hogs from \$4.25 to \$4.50.  
Good sleighing continues.  
Valentine day is close at hand.  
Wheat brings 78 cents in Eaton.  
Dressed chickens 35 cents apiece.  
The new P. M. of Eaton is installed.  
Fox hounds are now having a boom about here.  
Ohio has eleven thousand farms, of less than 10 acres each.

Save 50c. to 75c., by buying your new spring hat at the Eagle Clothing Store.

A great Methodist revival is going on at Gallipolis, O.

We want a good active Board of Health in Eaton for the coming summer.

Politeness is the dividing line between the gentleman and loafer.

James Taylor and wife are in Toronto, Canada, visiting relatives.

The law requiring business firms to advertise their names has been repealed.

Mrs. Phoebe Koonz is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Duke, at Kokomo, Ind.

There's been 30,000 skating rinks built in this country this year. Skoe-rinkum, ain't that an awful waste of cash?

Ed. Emanuel, of Dayton, has made an assignment. He is well known in this country. Liabilities not known.

John Glick's tobacco warehouse has been turned into a skating rink. It is the best in the burg at present.

Gloves! Gloves! Save fifty per cent., at the Eagle Clothing Store.

Lieut. C. P. Rees is at home on a visit to this place, after an absence of three years in foreign waters.

Warren Ridgely of Leadville, Colorado, is at home visiting his mother, Mrs. Geo. Koutz.

The Ground Hog didn't see his shadow about here. Get ready to plow and plant oats and corn!

The Mayor says that fast drivers on our streets will get the full extent of the law if brought before him.

The best musical talent of Eaton will assist at the Knight of Honor Fair this week.

We regret very much to state that Hon. D. C. Stubbs, of West Elkton, has been compelled to make an assignment. Liabilities not known.

C. J. Miller, of Baltimore, Franklin Co., spent a few days last week with his brother, Prof. C. C. Miller, of Eaton Schools.

**Music Lessons—**On Piano and Organ, or Vocal Instruction, go to Mrs. May Crouse Holmes. Residence, High St., 2nd door west of Barron St. [65-ly]

Bro. Bloom of the New Paris Minnors has the Eaton telephone on the brain again. We are a little alarmed about the results of the malady.

The whooping cough is bad up at New Paris. From the way the Minnors man "whoops" about our telephone he must have it.

There is no "itch" in this country, Mr. Greenville Courrier, except an itch for office and to own the whole earth, among a few.

The business of the Telephone Exchange has fallen off very much in Eaton, as well as all other places of its size and population.

Young man, look at the elegant spring style hat, just in, at the Eagle Clothing Store.

An exchange says: "Don't raise your girls to go to the rink." No, don't. They are apt to "fall" nine times out of ten if you do.

It is claimed that cigarette smoking leads to idioy. We don't believe it! The person who smokes cigarettes has been led there already.

Knights of Honor Festival at city Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 5th, 6th and 7th. Admission, 10 cents.

The barn belonging to the widow Miley, five miles west of Eaton on the Concord road, was destroyed by fire on Monday evening last with all its contents. No particulars.

William Anderson, who has been an inmate of the County Infirmary for eleven years, died on the 1st inst., of spinal trouble, aged 63 years. Funeral services by Rev. W. H. Orr.

The only winter birds that are now to be seen are the brown English sparrows, which, though hatched by multitudes of enemies, are well able to take care of themselves.

The average value of each farm in the United States, together with its personal property, is \$3,000. There are also, on an average, six persons in each farmer's family.

27c. will buy your choice of Neck Ties, new goods, worth 75c., at the Eagle Clothing Store.

Charles Rhefus has gone to Tipton, Ind., where he has accepted a position in a drug establishment. Charley is a very good boy and intends to make a man of himself.

Scott Pottle fell at the skating rink on Wednesday night last and broke his arm. Scott had better be shoeing mules for amusement than fooling with a pair of roller skates.

J. W. Kubler, a very worthy and good citizen of Eaton, died of consumption on Saturday morning last, aged about 36 years. He leaves a wife and an adopted child.

Elder Alanson Wilcox, State Evangelist, will preach at the Church of Christ in Eaton, on Monday, Feb. 9th, at 2:30 p. m.; also in the evening of that day at 7:15 o'clock. All are invited.

Representative Turner, of Montgomery county, has introduced in the Legislature a bill providing that in counties with a population of 85,000 the Commissioners shall receive \$1,700 a year, which is to include all expenses.

The Fayette County Commissioners have made a standing offer of \$100 for every horse thief convicted in that county. That will make the thieves fight clear of that county in selecting their game.

It is pretty difficult for a school girl to think of something to say when she goes to write a composition, but as soon as she gets out of school and while on the way home she can say a whole newspaper full without thinking.

The best for the money—our unlaundered White Dress Shirts—40c., 75c. and \$1.00, at the Eagle Clothing Store.

The masque carnival at the Opera House, Monday evening, was a grand success. The lucky ones for the nearest costume were Miss Jennie Loy, who represented "Sunshine," and Lew Mattheus, the "dude darkey."

Don't forget that the Knights of Honor will give three interesting entertainments in the Opera House, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. They should not be slighted by any citizen of Eaton.

G. P. Early will sell at West Florence, O., Feb. 12th, 1885, eight three-year-old colts, seven mares, eight head of cattle, forty Poland-China sows, bred in December, and forty-five shoats. Terms—one year with approved security.

There will be a big fox drive west of Eaton next Saturday. The Fourmilers do such things in good order, and it will be a big affair if the weather is favorable. We advise the men with dogs to keep away. Don't forget it, either.

Post Master Neal has received his commission from Washington city which gives him another lease of four years on the P. O. at Eaton, and has forwarded his bond of \$10,000 to the department to have it clinched. This is sad for P. O. aspirants in Eaton. But wait! patient boys, Cleveland can have a whack at it in four years and play the same game.

They have the roller skating fever to such an extent at Van Wert that a boy of that place being short of money forced an order from his father to the grocer, asking him to send him a pound of tobacco. The grocer complied. The boy sold the tobacco for twenty cents, and went to the rink. Verily, roller skating is a great craze.

Spring style Soft and Stiff Hats just received. Come and look at them, at the Eagle Clothing Store.

The Crayon picture of Mrs. William Engle, on exhibition in the book store of Mr. Willard Edison, is the work of Miss Mamie Engle, of Middletown. Persons who profess to be judges of such work, pronounce it to rank first-class. Any one personally acquainted with the deceased, cannot help but recognize it at first glance as a life-like picture.

Eaton is smiling, and if our capitalists would invest more in building houses and business rooms for rent, the town would soon be laughing! Our population, now estimated by the last corporation vote, is about thirty-five hundred, and with more dwelling houses and good business rooms, would in another year reach 4000! Let those who have capital to invest put up dwellings and business houses, they will add to their wealth and the prosperity of the town, more rapidly than any other means in the increased value of real estate.

The fox hunt came off last Saturday with a good turn out and the fun was enjoyed by the crowd. One fox only was got into the circle and that was caught by dogs taken there in violation of the rules of the hunt. The parties taking them there should have been ordered from the grounds and the dogs and hunters. That is about it, a side of it. When men can't abide by the rules, they are agreed upon for such occasions, they should remain at home. There came very near being a muss over the fox in the evening after the sport was over. If the dog men had got whipped nobody would have pitied them.

Don't buy old style, shop worn hats, when you can get the latest style and at a saving of 50c. to 75c. on each hat, at the Eagle Clothing Store. New spring styles just received.

Rev. W. H. Orr remarked in his sermon on Sunday evening last that he had been a citizen of Eaton a little over three years, and in that time twelve citizens of the city had filled drunkards' graves; six of whose sermons he had preached himself. Sorrowful indeed is the picture! But as long as ministers of the Gospel can so twist and warp their Christian consciences for the sake of party, as to support men for public positions whom they know or could know if they would, dutifully seek the information, are persons of dissipated habits, such statements will, in all human probability, continue to be truthfully made.

The prospects in Eaton for building the approaching season begin to loom up. We hear of several good structures under contemplation by parties who are amply able to build. We could name several who have made all their wealth in their trade and business out of our mechanics and other citizens, who ought to put a part of their ample profits in improvements, and thereby furnish employment to our mechanics and laboring men. To "live and let live," or to "receive and give," are duties we owe to each other. Each and every improvement is a benefit directly to the general prosperity of our beautiful city, and each and every citizen can and should aid in a greater or less amount to further our steady growth in population and business. We have our "croakers" and "objectors" to all improvements, both private and public, but they are growing small and beautifully less as our population increases. But to offset such influences it is necessary to hold up and assist our active young business men and mechanics, as they are the mainstay of our future prosperity.

**Look to Your Interest.**

Having strictly adopted the Cash system, I have marked my goods as low as the lowest, and in addition to low prices I will pay back in cash 5% to persons buying goods. Give me a call and I will convince you that you can save money by buying goods at a cash house.

Respectfully,  
H. R. RINEHART.

Teachers' Association.

The third meeting of Preble county teachers was held at Eaton Opera House, Saturday, Jan. 31st. It had been arranged to have home talent entire, but the committee were unable to carry out the entire program as given in last week's issue on account of the illness of one of the performers. In the place of the one to be given on "Things Wise and Otherwise," Prof. C. W. Hodgins, Principal of Richmond Normal School, appeared with an entertaining lecture on "Pestalozzi and his Educational Reforms." The lecturer spoke entirely without notes, and gave his hearers a most scholarly and finished address. The great educator, Pestalozzi, is a character fit for the discussion of higher bodies than a meeting of school teachers. His life was so crowded with interesting and enthusiastic work, so filled with good and lasting results, that he should be made a careful study by every teacher. Much of the so-called "new method" in teaching was advocated by him, and actually taught in his school nearly one hundred years ago. He considered the moral training of the youth of the land the highest good, and to this end he turned the efforts of his life. His home was an orphan's asylum, and he his sole teacher. The objective method was largely followed by him; graduation in writing was first used by him. To his efforts alone our system of primary instructions is to-day most largely indebted. Prof. Hodgins was earnest in his manner and was accorded the most flattering attention throughout. The teachers of Preble will welcome him at any time.

The talk on the "Physical Geography of Ohio," by Mr. W. T. Heilman of the Winchester schools, was quite well received. The speaker had his work well in hand and was impressive in his manner. Mr. Heilman is one of our best teachers and deserves the success he is attaining in his school.

Mr. S. R. Moore, of Eaton, read a very practical paper on "The Needs of the Country Schools." Mr. Surice has a life-long experience in the common schools and is therefore well qualified to speak with authority on such questions. The audience present was quite large and very attentive. The meetings are being appreciated by our citizens more than they have ever been. A good audience is a great aid to all the speakers, and when composed of citizens not engaged in teaching, it shows a proper appreciation of the calling and thus gives the teacher much encouragement. The Executive Committee will use every effort to provide good programmes for each succeeding meeting, and it is to be hoped that a still larger attendance will be present to greet the lecturers.

The following sensible remarks of an exchange will be heartily approved by our many readers, who, like ourselves, believe in fair play and a live and let live policy: "From all parts of the country comes the lamentable intelligence that the wages of mechanics and mill operatives are being reduced. Nothing is heard of the reduction of official salaries, or of fixed incomes of any kind. A dollar will buy more to-day than it did ten or fifteen years ago is the consolation offered the wage-worker when these reductions are made. If this is true of the mechanic's dollar it is equally true of the dollar of the salaried officer, but their incomes remain fixed at the same number of dollars, and in some cases have been increased. The salaries of officials ought to be reduced."

Public Sales.

James Deem will sell at his residence, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Eaton, on Tuesday, 10th inst., four head of work horses, cattle, wagons, reaper, plows, harness, 700 bushels of corn, 6 tons of timothy hay, and many other articles. Sale commences at 12 o'clock sharp.

John H. Gantz will sell at his residence 4 miles southwest of Eldorado, on the Shurley road, on Tuesday, 17th inst., horses, milk cows, hogs, farm utensils, corn, hay, household goods, and many other articles.

Mrs. Dr. Robertson, of West Elkton, has for a long time been afflicted with an abdominal tumor of large size, and her husband and friends were fearful that either the disease or the surgical operation by which it must be cured if at all, must result fatally. Last fall the doctor, at his wife's earnest solicitation, decided to have the tumor removed by an abdominal surgeon, because he was sure that in the dangerous operation lay the only hope of his wife's ultimate recovery. As the fatal day approached Dr. Robertson seemed more nervous than did his wife; this nervousness increased until two or three days before the day set for the operation the doctor himself suddenly died. Nobody thought Mrs. Robertson in her lonely condition could survive the shock occasioned by her husband's death; but she rallied, and lingered until last Saturday, when it had been determined to make the delayed operation. A letter from Elkton, under date of Monday, says the lady passed safely through the operation and is doing well with a fair prospect for recovery. The tumor weighed, after removal, almost forty pounds.—[HAMILTON OBSERVER.]

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**Whoever has Visited the Shakers** must have noticed the bright, clear complexion of the Sisters. That bloom of youth is the result of perfect digestion of food. The shallow, dejected countenances, pending nearly our ladies is the result of indigestion. The Shaker Extract of Roots (Siegal's Syrup) will give immediate relief and bring back the glow of health.

Harvey Lee, Merchant at Twin Springs, McDonald Co., Mo., writes May 9, 1884: "The Shaker Extract of Roots has cured my wife of sick headache, which she has been subject to for ten years. She feels so proud over it that she wishes me to sincerely thank you for sending the medicine to her place." Jas. M. Morgan, Merchant, of Empire, Ky., writes, Feb. 18, 1884: "A gentleman, who had been afflicted for years with severe rheumatism, has been perfectly cured by seven bottles. Send three dozen more at once." Use the Shaker Tar Capsules for the Throat and Lungs.

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The Rights of the Press.

A newspaper has the right to criticize in an honest manner anything that is of public nature. Following is the law as laid down by the Chief Justice in his charge to the jury in a libel suit: "A public newspaper has a right to comment upon and criticize in the discharge of public duties. If the publishers discover what they consider to be defects, they have a right to point them out. If there are facts which suggest fault, the public press has a right to criticize and to censure. If in the exercise of this freedom of comment they act fairly and honestly and meaning to do what is right, they can not be held accountable. It is of great importance to the public that the newspapers should have this liberty. If there should be no license to censure or to criticize, frauds would grow more and more intolerable, to the manifest peril of the public welfare, and therefore, you can see that the public have a great interest in maintaining unshackled the right of the public press to freely and fairly criticize."

Judge Nash, of the Supreme Court Commission, handed down a decision in the famous Oberholts case. The liquor dealer Bronson, which is of interest. It is as follows:

The act of March 29, 1882, authorizing incorporated villages having within their limits a college or university, to provide against the evils resulting from the sale of intoxicating liquors therein, is not repugnant to the provisions of the Constitution.

A village council acting under the authority conferred by this law exceeds its power when it makes an ordinance which prohibits the sales of intoxicating liquors to all persons, and for all purposes, except mechanical and medicinal, and thus restricts the sections of the ordinance having such effect as void.

Taking Care of the Body.

The Christian Index, the leading organ of the Baptist Church in the South, published in Atlanta, Ga., in its issue of Dec. 4, 1884, has the following editorial:

Too many people seem to think that a religious newspaper should be confined to the discussion of moral and religious subjects only, forgetting that religion has to do with the bodies and souls of men. "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," has as much to do with the practical side of life as it has with the moral side. Our readers will bear testimony that in all questions discussed in the Index, the practical has been duly set forth.

In this paragraph, therefore, we only seek to present an article worthy of commendation. After submitting it to the above test we have arrived at the conclusion and found it good—good as a blood purifier, good as a health tonic. In this opinion we are sustained by some of the best medical authorities. Rev. Jesse H. Campbell, the Nestor of the Baptist denomination in Georgia, says: "It is my deliberate judgment that Swift's Specific blood purifier ever discovered. Its effects are wonderful, and I consider them almost comparable to it." Dr. H. C. Horndy, one of the best known ministers in our church, says: "Swift's Specific is one of the best blood purifiers in existence."

These brethren speak advisedly. But few preparations can bring forward such endorsements. The Index desires only to endorse these statements. We have witnessed the cure of a young man, who had been afflicted with this medicine, not only in our own households, but in several other cases where seemingly all other remedies had failed. It is purely a vegetable compound, scientifically prepared, and perfectly harmless in its composition. It renews the blood and builds up broken down systems—gives tone and vigor to the constitution, as well as restores the bloom of health to the suffering. Therefore, we do not deem it inconsistent with the policy of a religious journal to say this much in its behalf.

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.

The SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Drawer 3, Atlanta, Ga.

Don't Give Up Yet.

It doesn't follow that a patient will die because the doctors have "given him up," or that he will recover because they promise to "pull him through." It is never too late to try the great virtues of Parker's Tonic. Mr. Michael Gilmore, of Birmingham, N. Y., was cured of Rheumatism by it after ten years of unpeakable suffering. Mr. R. W. Mosher, druggist, of same city, certifies that he has sold over a thousand bottles of Parker's Tonic through its reputation for this and other cures.

FARM FOR SALE.

A Farm of 221 acres for sale by the undersigned, coming within a half mile of West Alexandria, Ohio, and splendidly located, about 180 acres under cultivation, balance in timber. And if not sold at private sale, will be offered at public sale on the 14th of February, 1885, at 2 o'clock, at the residence of J. H. McLean, West Alexandria, O.

decisive. SAMUEL BLACK.

You Can Have It.

"My dear, what would I give to have your hair?" is often said by middle aged ladies to young ones. Madam, you may have just such hair, and Hair Balsam will give it to you. It will stop your hair from falling off, restore the original color and make it long, thick and curly. You can not stand helplessly envying the girls. The Balsam is not oily, not a dye, but is an elegant dressing, and is especially recommended for its cleansing and purifying.

MARRIAGES.

LESH—MANN—On the 1st inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, near Eaton, by Rev. W. H. Orr, Mr. Christian Lesh to Miss Nora E. Mann.

The bride received presents from Dr. J. B. Welsh and wife, John D. Campbell and wife, Dr. I. N. Welsh and wife, and others not mentioned.

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